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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 250-8-5

SUBJECT: FNM-MEETINGS – 2008 MIDWEST ORGANIC AND SUSTAINABLE  
EDUCATION SERVICE (MOSES) CONFERENCE

Purpose. To provide authorization information for attendance at the MOSES, 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Organic Farming Conference.

Expiration Date. February 25, 2008.

### **Action Requested by January 30, 2008**

NRCS is a co-sponsor of the MOSES, 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Upper Midwest Organic Farming Conference and Organic University on February 21-23, 2008 in La Crosse, WI. We have four registrations available for the Organic University to be held on Thursday, February 21, and six registrations available for the Conference.

The Conference offers workshops designed to help beginning, transitional, and experienced organic farmers. Opportunities for attendees to learn more from farmers, business people and experts involved in organic farm enterprises. The conference also offers opportunities to learn and talk to those who are exploring new ways of developing and marketing their organic products.

These registrations are available to NRCS employees and Earth Team Volunteers who will assist with promoting organic agriculture in Minnesota. NRCS employees should work with their supervisors for training and travel approval, and compensatory time approval for the Saturday session. The Government rate for La Crosse, WI is \$70 lodging, \$39 meals.

All nominations for this event should be sent as soon as possible, but no later than January 30, 2008 to John Beckwith, RC&D State Program Manager. Please provide John a completed registration form found on page 23 of the registration booklet (also available on-line at: <http://www.mosesorganic.org/umofc/intro.html>) for each nominee. If the nominee is an NRCS Earth Team Volunteer, include a brief description of the nominee's reason for attending. John will contact conference organizers as appropriate to lock in requested Organic University courses for early nominations. This will avoid courses being unavailable due to late registrations. For this reason there will be somewhat of a first come first serve acceptance process.

This is a great training opportunity and a chance to network with leaders in organic agriculture. I hope we take good advantage of it. Questions may be directed to John Beckwith at (651) 602-7930.

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